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To whom it may concern,

I oppose the OSHA regulation because I believe that everyone has rights; smokers and non-smokers. Every work place should have a designated area for smokers. Employee productivity would be better if smoking was accommodated. You can't force anyone to quit smoking; if this is OSHA's attempt, it won't work. Telling people when and where they can smoke will do nothing more than cause a distraction for the employee. They most likely won't be able to concentrate as much.

Arlington, Texas has a ban on cigarette smoking in all public places. There is a horrible outcry of bar and restaurant owners. In a metropolitan area like this, it has quite a devastating effect. Revenues are being affected on a large scale. If this regulation passes nationally, it will hurt more people than it will help; it will give ammunition to some employers to discriminate against employees and there is enough discrimination that goes on as it is. OSHA should not have the power to ban smoking. They should focus on more important issues. I would rather see my tax dollars spent in more important ways. The government should not be telling adults whether we can or cannot smoke; we should have freedom of choice in this country according to the constitution. We lose a few of them everyday and OSHA should not get away with this.

Sincerely yours,

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